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Revision and new species of the African genus *Mischogyne* (Annonaceae)

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Summary. *Mischogyne* (Annonaceae, tribe Monodoreae) is a genus of small- to medium-sized tropical trees and shrubs. It is characterised by a combination of: (1) stamens and carpels on a more or less extended torus; (2) carpels divergent from each other at the apex of the torus above the anthers; (3) anthers linear and anther connectives not expanded above the thecae; (4) inflorescences extra-axillary (or sometimes terminal in *M. michelioides*) with usually solitary flowers; (5) petals reflexed at anthesis (except *M. michelioides*), and (6) prominent reticulate tertiary veins. The genus is found in the lowland tropical rainforests of Africa with annual precipitation of 1000 – 4000 mm and in the dry coastal foothills of Angola. Five species and one variety of *Mischogyne* are recognised. One newly discovered species from the Eastern Arc Mountains, *M. iddii*, is described. The variety *M. elliotiana* var. *glabra* is reduced into synonymy with *M. elliotiana* var. *elliotiana*. *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *gabonensis* is raised to species level as *M. gabonensis*. Specimens from the Congo are recognised as a new species, *M. congensis*. Preliminary conservation status assessments are provided for each species, as well as an identification key and detailed species descriptions. An unusual distribution pattern for the genus is discussed: dry coastal Angola as well as West, Central and East African wet forest.

Key Words. Angola, Eastern Arc, IUCN - conservation, Monodoreae, taxonomy.

Introduction

The unexpected identification of a new species of *Mischogyne* Exell from the Eastern Arc Mountains of Tanzania led us to undertake a revision of this genus, previously considered to have just two species. This is a contribution to the body of revisions of African genera of Annonaceae which have been published in recent years: *Duguetia* A.St.-Hil. (Chatrou 1998), *Isolona* Engl. and *Monodora* Dunal (Couvreur 2009), *Huberantha* Chaowasku (in Chaowasku *et al.* 2015), *Annickia* Setten & Maas (Versteegh & Sosef 2007), *Hexalobus* A.DC. (Botermans *et al.* 2011), *Neostenanthera* Exell (Fero *et al.* 2014), *Uvariastrium* Engl. (Couvreur 2014), *Piptostigma* Oliv. and *Brieya* De Wild. (Ghogue *et al.* 2017), and new genera *Mwasumbia* Couvreur & D.M.Johnson (in Couvreur *et al.* 2009) and *Sirdavidia* Couvreur & Sauquet (Couvreur *et al.* 2015).

Mischogyne Exell belongs to the subfamily Annonoideae Raf. and tribe Monodoreae Baill. (Chatrou *et al.* 2012). This tribe contains eleven African genera whose phylogenetic relationships were studied by Couvreur *et al.* (2008a). *Mischogyne* resolves

within the tribe as sister to the subclade including *Uvariodendron* (Engl. & Diels) R.E.Fr., *Monocyclanthus* Keay, and *Uvariopsis* Engl.

Mischogyne is a genus of five species characterised by the combination of: (1) stamens and carpels on a more or less extended torus; (2) carpels divergent from each other at the apex of the torus above the anthers; (3) anthers linear and anther connectives not expanded above the thecae; (4) inflorescences extra-axillary (or sometimes terminal in *M. michelioides*) with usually solitary flowers; (5) petals reflexed at anthesis (except *M. michelioides*), and (6) prominent reticulate tertiary veins.

Taxonomic History

The genus *Mischogyne* was erected by Exell (1932) to accommodate *Mischogyne michelioides* Exell, first collected by Gossweiler in 1930. Exell (1932) noted in his description the elongate attenuate “androgynophore” that sets this species apart from any other genus of Annonaceae, and “gives to the flower a distinctly magnoliaceous aspect”. He specu-

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lated on the relationship to the Magnoliaceae, which turned out to be, as he also said, “no more than an extraordinary parallelism.”

The genus was considered monotypic until 1952 when R. E. Fries circulated a preprint (the formal publication was Fries 1955) in which he proposed that the species *Uvariastrum elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) Sprague & Hutch. was better placed in the genus *Mischogyne* (Fries 1955), now confirmed by molecular markers. *Mischogyne elliotiana* (Engl. & Diels) Le Thomas has a cylindrical torus, but not nearly as prominent as the long-stalked one of *M. michelioides*. Fries (1955) noted the similar anthers lacking an extended connective. The two species share the strongly reticulate tertiary venation characteristic of *Mischogyne* although this was not mentioned by Fries. Turner (2013) noted that Fries' new combination failed to fully reference the place of publication of the basionym as required by the International Code of Nomenclature (Lanjouw 1952) which came into effect in 1953. Turner therefore credited Le Thomas (1969) with the first valid publication of the combination *M. elliotianum* and we incorporate this attribution. The basionym for the species was *Uvaria elliotiana* Engl. & Diels (Engler 1901) and the epithet was correctly changed to the masculine by Sprague & Hutchinson (1916) when they transferred the species to *Uvariastrum*. Unfortunately, Fries (1955) did not change the epithet to the feminine in his transfer to *Mischogyne*. Evrard (1967) corrected Keay's *M. elliotianum* var. *glabrum* to *M. elliotianum* var. *glabra*, but without correcting the species epithet. (Note that this change does not change the author according to article 32.2 of the ICN Turland *et al.* 2018) and that the citation *Mischogyne elliotianum* var. *glabra* (Keay) Evrard is incorrect). We make the gender correction here to *Mischogyne elliotiana*, and to the varietal epithets as well.

At about the same time, Keay (1952) published new taxa in preparation for the publication of the second edition of the *Flora of West Tropical Africa*. In examining the material of *Uvariastrum elliotianum*, he described two new varieties in addition to the typical species. He stated that they “have been noted in the MS [for the flora] as new species, but, I consider, are best treated as varieties.” These are: (1) *Uvariastrum elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) Sprague & Hutch. var. *glabrum* Keay, (2) *Uvariastrum elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) Sprague & Hutch. var. *sericeum* Keay, and (3) the autonym *Uvariastrum elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) Sprague & Hutch. var. *elliotianum*.

Finally, Le Thomas (1969) published a fourth variety based on a nomen nudum of Pellegrin (1949): *Mischogyne elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) R.E.Fries var. *gabonensis* Pellegr. ex Le Thomas.

Materials and Methods

Morphology

Measurements were made on dried herbarium specimens and on calibrated specimen images; characters such as shape and colour are based on field notes and photos. Plane shape description terminology is based on Systematics Association Committee for Descriptive Biological Terminology (1962); other terminology, including indumentum, is based on Beentje (2015). All known specimen records of *Mischogyne* were identified, georeferenced and examined and are listed in the supplement S1 of the paper. Specimens examined are listed in the relevant section of the species accounts (“!” indicates a specimen seen and “*” that a high-resolution image of the specimen was viewed). In addition to herbarium searches at K and BM, specimen records from GBIF and Chatelain *et al.* (2011) were evaluated and georeferenced. Specimen images were viewed using the portals for BR, L (WAG), LISC and P. Measurements of digital images were made using ImageJ (Schneider *et al.* 2012). In the case of the Ghana and Ivory Coast herbaria, label information is not available and the identifications and georeferencing are assumed to be correct in plotting species distributions. In all other cases georeferencing based on label data was done using GoogleEarth (https://www.google.com/intl/en_uk/earth/desktop/) and online searches.

Photos (Couvreur and Jongkind) were accessed from the World Annonaceae website (Couvreur, T.L.P. and Annonaceae Community n.d <http://annonaceae.myspecies.info>).

Preliminary conservation assessments for each species follow IUCN criteria (IUCN 2012) and are based on the distribution of herbarium specimens (Schatz 2002). We used the online tool GeoCAT (Bachman *et al.* 2011) to calculate Extent of Occurrence (EOO) and Area of Occupancy (AOO). AOO is calculated using a cell-size of 4 km². The map was generated with ArcMap 10.1 (ESRI 2011).

Molecular methods

New sequences were generated for three chloroplast regions (*rbcL* gene, *trnH-psbA* intergenic spacer (IGS), *trnL* intron and *trnL-trnF* IGS) from *Mischogyne* herbarium specimens representing three accepted species and two putative new species to science. This data was supplemented with previously published chloroplast sequence data (Couvreur *et al.* 2008a; Parmentier *et al.* 2013) from 16 species representing 10 related genera. Voucher information is provided in Table 1.

After tissue homogenisation (Mixer Mill, Retsch GmbH & co., Haan, Germany), total DNA was extracted from 5 – 20 mg of dried material using a modified cetyl trimethyl ammonium bromide (CTAB) protocol (Doyle & Doyle 1990). The *rbcL* gene was

amplified using the primers 1F and 724R or using the primers 636F (Fay *et al.* 1997) and 1460R (Fay *et al.* 1998) the *trnH-psbA* IGS was amplified using primers *trnH*^(GUG) and *psbA* (Hamilton 1999) and the universal primers C/D and E/F (Taberlet *et al.* 1991) were used to amplify the *trnL* intron and *trnL-F* spacer.

Amplifications were performed in volumes of 50 µl containing a 2× PCR Premix 'DreamTaq' (4.0 mM MgCl₂) (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Massachusetts, USA), 5× TBT (Samarakoon *et al.* 2013) with primer solution with a concentration of 10 µM, and 1 µL of unquantified DNA.

Initial denaturation was set to 2 min at 94°C [*rbcL* 1F-724R, *trnL-F*], to 3 min at 94°C [*rbcL* 636F-1460R], and to 5 min at 96°C [*trnH-psbA*]. After this, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was performed for 30 cycles (28 for *rbcL* 636F-1460R, 35 for *trnH-psbA*) of denaturation (1 min at 94°C, 45 s at 96°C [*trnH-psbA*]), primer annealing for 1 min (at 48°C [*rbcL*], at 53°C [*trnH-psbA*], at 50°C [*trnL-F*]), and primer extension at 72°C (for 90 s [*rbcL* 1F-724R, *trnL-F*], 1 min [*rbcL* 636F-1460R], 30 s [*trnH-psbA*]). Finally, an elongation period of 4 min [*rbcL* 1F-724R, *trnL-F*] or 7 min [*rbcL* 636F-1460R, *trnH-psbA*] at 72°C ended the reaction. The PCR products were electrophoresed on 1% agarose gels in 1× Tris-borate-EDTA (TBE) buffer (pH 8.0) and stained with ethidium bromide to confirm a single product. Afterwards, the cleaned PCR products were sequenced on a 48-capillary ABI 3730 DNA Analyzer using the same primers as in the PCR reactions. A total of 12 new sequences were generated in this study.

Sequences were assembled and edited in Geneious R8 (Kearse *et al.* 2012), aligned using MAFFT 7 (Katoh *et al.* 2009; Katoh & Standley 2013); afterwards, alignments were checked manually in PhyDE 0.9971 (Müller *et al.* 2010). The alignments used to produce the phylogenies were submitted to Dryad (<http://datadryad.org>).

The alignments of the three chloroplast regions were concatenated for the downstream analyses. PartitionFinder 2.1.1 (Lanfear *et al.* 2012) was used to determine an appropriate data-partitioning scheme from potential partitions that were defined *a priori* (in this case, each marker was treated as a separate partition plus each codon for the coding marker *rbcL*), as well as the best-fitting model of molecular evolution for each partition, using the Bayesian Information Criterion. PartitionFinder suggested the following data-partitioning scheme (*rbcL* codon1, *rbcL* codon 2 + codon3, *trnH-psbA*, *trnL-trnF*).

Bayesian Inference (BI) analyses were conducted in MrBayes 3.2.6 (Ronquist *et al.* 2012). For the BI analysis, the F81 model of sequence evolution was determined to be the best-fitting model available in MrBayes for the *rbcL* codon1partition, the HKY+G model for the *rbcL* codon 2 + codon3 and the *trnH-*

psbA partitions, and the HKY model for the *trnL-trnF* partition in the concatenated data set. Rate heterogeneity, base frequencies, and substitution rates across partitions were unlinked. The analysis was allowed to run for 100 million generations across four independent runs with four chains each, sampling every 10000 generations. Convergence, associated likelihood values, effective sample size values and burn-in values of the different runs were verified with Tracer 1.5 (Rambaut 2010). The first 25% of the trees from all runs were excluded as burn-in before making a majority-rule consensus of the 7500 posterior distribution trees using the "sumt" function. All phylogenetic analyses were run using the CIPRES portal (<http://www.phylo.org/>; Miller *et al.* 2010). Trees were drawn using FigTree 1.4.3 (Rambaut 2016) and adapted in Adobe Photoshop CS5.

Results

Molecular Study

The relationships between the taxa studied are shown in the majority consensus multiple-locus BI tree with the associated posterior probability (PP) values are shown in Fig. 1. As the data for the outgroup taxa are largely based on previous studies (Couvreur *et al.* 2008a; Parmentier *et al.* 2013), the relationships in Monodoreae recovered here largely match those already published (Couvreur *et al.* 2008a; Chatrou *et al.* 2012; Guo *et al.* 2017)). Within Monodoreae, a well-supported clade of *Orphypetalum* and *Sanrafaelia* (PP=1) is sister to the rest of the tribe which consists of two main clades. One of these main clades includes two subclades, one (PP=0.82) representing *Asteranthe* as sister to *Hexalobus* + *Uvariastrum* (PP=0.9); and the other (PP=0.99) including *Isolona* and *Monodora*. The other main clade (PP=1) also includes two subclades, one (PP=1) representing *Uvariadendron* as sister to *Monocyclanthus* and *Uvariopsis*; and the other consisting of the genus *Mischogyne*. *Mischogyne* is well-supported as a monophyletic genus (PP=1). Within the genus, two well-supported clades are recognisable. The first clade (PP=1) includes the taxon *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *gabonensis* (further accepted as *Mischogyne gabonensis*) as sister to two other varieties of *Mischogyne elliotiana* (PP=1). The second clade includes *Mischogyne michelioides* and two species new to science (described below).

Morphological Study

Study of herbarium specimens supports the recognition of five species and one variety described below. We were unable to discover any discontinuous characters discriminating *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *glabra* from specimens of *M. elliotiana* var. *elliotiana*.

Table 1. List of the samples used in the molecular analysis with species names, voucher information, distribution and GenBank accession numbers for the DNA sequences of the three chloroplast regions (*indicates new accessions); a dash (–) indicates missing data.

Species	Voucher	Distribution	<i>rbcL</i>	<i>trnH-psbA</i>	<i>trnL-F</i>
<i>Asteranthe asterias</i> (S.Moore) Engl. & Diels	Robertson 7548 WAG.1379330	Not known	EU169757	EU169734	EU169779
<i>Hexalobus crispiflorus</i> A.Rich.	Sosef 2287 WAG.1883094	Kenya	EU169760	EU169737	EU169782
<i>Isolona cooperi</i> Hutch. & Dalziel ex G.P.Cooper & Record	Botanische Tuinen Utrecht 473 U	Not known	AY841626	EU216657	AY841704
<i>Monocyclanthus vinei</i> Keay	Jongkind 6992 WAG.1434985	Liberia	EU169765	EU169742	EU169787
<i>Monodora myristica</i> (Gaertn.) Dunal	Richardson 191 WAG	Not known	AY743447	EU216670	AY743466
<i>Ophrypetalum odoratum</i> Diels	S. A. Robertson 7547 WAG8004344	Kenya	EU169767	EU169745	EU169789
<i>Sanrafaelia ruffonammari</i> Verdc.	Kayombo 3027 MO	Tanzania	EU169768	EU169746	EU169790
<i>Uvariastrum insculptum</i> Sprague & Hutch.	Jongkind 4707 WAG	Ivory Coast	EU169769	EU169747	EU169791
<i>Uvariastrum pierreanum</i> Engl. & Diels	Wieringa 2620 WAG	Gabon	EU169770	EU169748	EU169792
<i>Uvariastrum pyraetii</i> De Wild.	PM5033 BRLU	Cameroon	KC628249	KC667802	
<i>Uvariadendron kirkii</i> Verdc.	Robertson 7550 WAG	Kenya	EU169771	EU169749	EU169793
<i>Uvariadendron molundense</i> (Diels) R.E.Fr.	Sosef 2219 WAG	Gabon	EU169772	EU169750	EU169794
<i>Uvariopsis bakeriana</i> (Hutch. & Dalziel) Robyns & Ghesq.	PM5373 BRLU	Cameroon	KC628178	KC667743	
<i>Uvariopsis korupensis</i> Gereau & Kenfack	Richardson 212 WAG	Cameroon	EU169774	EU169752	EU169796
<i>Uvariopsis tripetala</i> (Baker f.) G.E.Schatz	Jongkind 4356 WAG	Ivory Coast	EU169758	EU169735	EU169780
<i>Uvariopsis vanderystii</i> Robyns & Ghesq.	Sosef 2241 WAG	Gabon	EU169773	EU169751	EU169795
<i>Mischogyne congensis</i> Gosline	Evrard 6205 K	DRC	MH286457*	MH286448*	MH286453*
<i>Mischogyne elliotiana</i> var. <i>elliotiana</i> (Engl. & Diels) Le Thomas	Came 731 K	Guinea	MH286458*	MH286449*	MH286454*
<i>Mischogyne elliotiana</i> var. <i>sericea</i> Keay	Deighton 3015 K	Sierra Leone	–	MH286450*	–
<i>Mischogyne gabonensis</i> (Le Thomas) Gosline	Luke 11941 K	Equatorial Guinea (Bioko)	MH286459*	MH286451*	MH286455*
<i>Mischogyne iddii</i> Gosline & A.R.Marshall	Marshall 1531 K	Tanzania	–	MH286452*	MH286456*
<i>Mischogyne michelioides</i> Exell	Bamps 4459 WAG	Angola	EU169764	EU169741	EU169786

Discussion

Morphology

Mischogyne are shrubs or small trees 3 – 7 m tall or medium-sized trees to 25 m (*M. gabonensis*, *M. orientalis*). Trunks are cylindrical or branching from the base (*M. michelioides*). Phyllotaxis is distichous. As is typical for Annonaceae, the very young leaf buds, twigs and leaves are covered with a soft brown appressed indumentum which is quickly lost. *Leaves* are simple, entire, and exstipulate. Venation is brochidodromous. The tertiary venation is strongly and prominently reticulate and a good character for recognising the genus. Specimens of *M. congensis* were originally identified as *M. elliotiana* var. *glabra*; despite being in different clades, the morphological differences in the taxa (see recognition below) are in the leaf venation, acumen, and leaf texture (and of course geographical range). Species can be recognised from the leaves: *M. congensis* and *M. gabonensis* have at least some leaves with a linear acumen, with *M. congensis* having much less ascendant nerves. *M. elliotiana* and *M. iddii* have triangular acumens or are attenuate, with *M. iddii* having much larger leaves. *M. michelioides* is deciduous with broad, usually attenuate leaves and grows in a semi-arid environment.

Inflorescences are extra-axillary and one-flowered with the exception of *Mischogyne elliotianum* which frequently has terminal flowers, and *M. gabonensis* where the type collection has some inflorescences of two flowers. The fundamental inflorescence type for Annonaceae is determinate with a terminal flower. “Apart from (few) exceptions, inflorescences (sometimes reduced to a single flower) appear as lateral structures to the observer, rather than terminal. In the majority of genera this is due to overtopping by a lateral shoot originating from the axil of a leaf immediately below the floral region...” (Maas *et al.* 2007; Weberling & Hoppe 1996). This analysis is confirmed for *Mischogyne* by the often terminal flowers in *M. michelioides* and examination of young shoots in specimens of *M. elliotianum* where a young bud can be seen as terminal with a lateral shoot starting to overtop it. Bracts are generally reduced to a tuft or ring of hairs at the base of the pedicel. Small (c. 2 mm diam.) caducous bracts are sometimes visible on *M. michelioides*.

Flowers in *Mischogyne* species are bisexual, trimerous with one whorl of three free sepals (except *M. gabonensis*) and two subequal alternate whorls of three free petals each. The sepals are generally reduplicate-valvate (van Heusden 1992) in bud, mean-

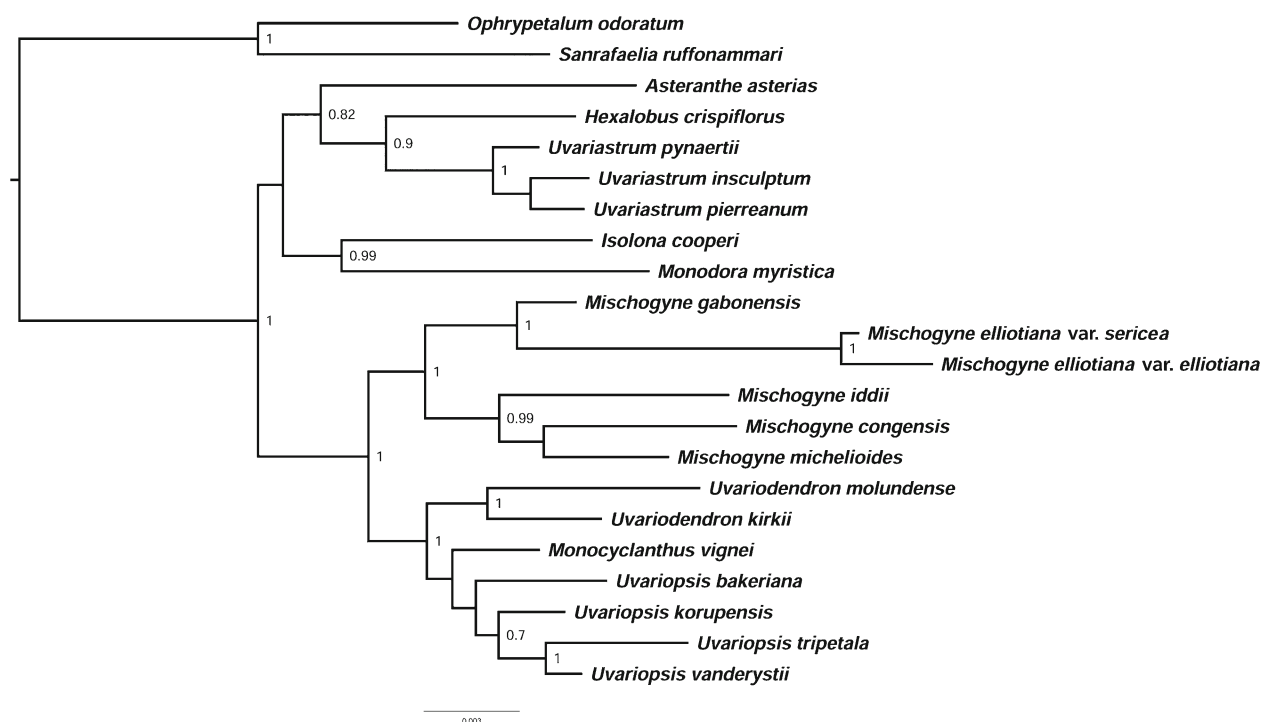


Fig. 1. 50% majority-rule consensus tree based on BI analysis of the three-locus plastid dataset of the Monodoreae tribe. Posterior probabilities indicated at the respective nodes when equal to or higher than 0.7.

ing the margins are curved outwards. Reduplicate-valvate sepals are noted as common in genera with middle-sized to large flower buds (van Heusden 1992). Within the tribe Monodoreae this character is also found in the genus *Uvariastrum* Engl. and in *Asteranthe* Engl. & Diels (Couvreur 2014). *Mischogyne gabonensis* has a membranous connate apiculate calyx which ruptures into two or more fragments as the petals expand and soon falls (Fig. 2D). Van Heusden (1992) records a rupturing calyx in *Fusaea*, *Letestudoxa*, some *Uvaria*, and one *Duguetia* and *Guatteria*. The petals are in two whorls with inner and outer petals subequal, white, and covered with a dense indumentum that is finer on the inside. They are reflexed at anthesis, except in *M. michelioides*, curving backwards towards the pedicel and forming a cup-shape at the base enclosing the anthers (Figs 4A, 5A and 7A). David Johnson (review of this paper) points out that reflexed petals are unusual in the Annonaceae and the strong resemblance of the flowers to *Hornschurchia* Nees. *Greenwayodendron* Verdc. also has slightly reflexed oblong petals.

The receptacle is more or less extended to form a torus (sometimes referred to as an androgynophore) with stamens spirally arranged on the lower portion and the ovaries in a cluster at the apex. Since the stamens are borne from the base of the receptacle, this structure does not conform to the traditional definition of “androgynophore” which implies a stalk below the stamens (Beentje 2015). It is densely white

pubescent. *Mischogyne michelioides* has a flower with an elongate flexuous torus up to 3 cm long. The genus *Toussaintia* Boutique also has an extended cylindrical receptacle (Deroin & Luke 2005), but is in a different tribe (Uvarieae). Deroin (2000) demonstrates that the gynoecium of *Toussaintia* is anatomically typical of Annonaceae. To our knowledge, within the Annonaceae only *Toussaintia*, *Mischogyne*, and *Balanga buchholzii* Le Thomas (now *Uvaria buchholzii* Engl. & Diels; Zhou *et al.* 2010) have been described as having an androgynophore. However, many genera have an extended receptacle (torus) (van Heusden 1992), often ovoid with a constricted base; these include *Monocyclanthus*, *Uvariastrum*, *Uvariopsis* and *Uvariadendron* within the Monodoreae. The receptacle of *Mischogyne* thus appears to be exceptional only in the degree of elongation of the torus which is made more apparent by the falling of the anthers following anthesis.

The androecium consists of numerous latrorse linear stamens with a connective that lacks the broadened apical prolongation expanded over the anthers typical in the Annonaceae (van Heusden 1992). The connective extension is either absent (*Mischogyne michelioides*) or slender and rounded, but never expanded over the anthers and glabrous (*M. michelioides*) or with a tuft of hairs. In most other species of the tribe the connective extensions are compacted together into a pavement-like surface. The stamens are appressed against the torus

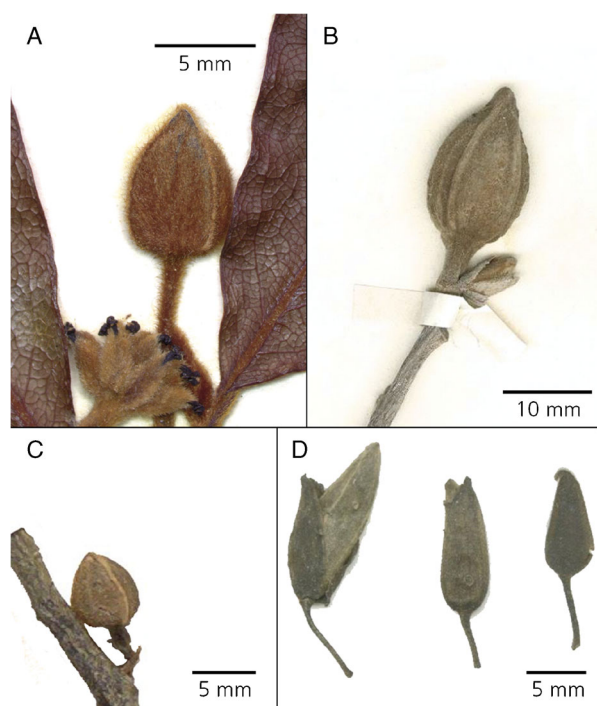


Fig. 2. Flower buds of *Mischogyne* species. **A** *M. elliotiana* var. *elliotiana* with old flower showing carpels below (Dalziel 761 [K000874259]); **B** *M. michelioides* showing large terminal bud (Gossweiler 9379 [K000196792]); **C** *M. congensis* (Evrard 5376 [BR0000015312655]); **D** *M. gabonensis* buds showing capsule and rupturing at anthesis (Le Testu 1768 [WAG0247284]).

at least at their base, in contrast to *Toussaintia* and most other Annonaceae. They do not extend past the reflexure of the petals except in *M. michelioides*. The stamens of *M. michelioides* are among the longest (up to 10 mm long) of any Annonaceae (van Heusden 1992).

The gynoecium consists of 3 – 12 (to 40 in *Mischogyne michelioides*) separate carpels. The carpels are cylindrical to ovoid covered with a white indumentum as the torus. They are divergent from each other except in *M. michelioides* and extend beyond the petal reflexure. The stigmas are bilobed and sessile except in *M. elliotiana* where a distinct constriction forms a short style.

Fruits consist of a 1 – 3 monocarps (field obs.); in herbarium specimens only a single monocarp has been observed. These are ellipsoid or ellipsoid-ovoid, sometimes constricted at one end, and yellow to green with cream or white spots; 3 – 12 seeds per monocarp (Setten *et al.* 1992).

As with many African groups, nothing is recorded regarding pollination, dispersal, or phytochemistry.

Taxonomy

As previously circumscribed, the genus *Mischogyne* consisted of one variable species in West and Central

Africa and another quite different species in Angola. Resulting from our morphological and molecular phylogenetic study, we add a new East African species (*M. iddii*, described below), a species in the coastal rainforest of Cameroon and Gabon (*M. gabonensis*, previously accepted as *M. elliotiana* var. *gabonensis*), and a species from the Congo river basin (*M. congensis*, described below). Specimens of the latter had previously been identified as *M. elliotiana* var. *glabra*.

We recognise two varieties of *Mischogyne elliotiana* (Engl. & Diels) Le Thomas. *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *glabra* Keay was previously recognised on the basis of a lack of indumentum on the branches, but we find the degree of hairiness within the species to vary continuously and reject the variety. On the other hand, the specimens of *M. elliotiana* var. *sericea* Keay are so distinct in indumentum and leaf size, shape and venation that we maintain the taxon.

Distribution

The species occur in evergreen or semideciduous equatorial or gallery forest with 1000 – 4000 mm precipitation per annum (ppa), apart from the Angolan *Mischogyne michelioides* Exell which occurs in rocky terrain beneath the coastal escarpment with 650 – 1000 mm ppa (Map 1).

Apart from *Mischogyne michelioides* in Angola, the species distribution of the genus now falls into a familiar pattern for tropical African genera: one rather variable species west of the Cross River ("Upper Guinea", White 1979); several (or one in our case) species in Lower Guinea; an isolated mid-Congo riverine species; and one or more species in East Africa, often in the Eastern Arc mountains. Examples of this distribution pattern abound: *Octoknema* (Gosline & Malécot 2011), *Isolona* (Couvreur *et al.* 2008b), *Polyceratocarpus* (Marshall *et al.* 2016), *Octolobus* (Cheek & Frimodt-Møller 1998), and *Ancistrocladus* (Cheek 2000) are a few examples.

Mischogyne is unusual in also having a species, *M. michelioides*, in semi-arid coastal Angola. Most Annonaceae species in Angola occur in Cabinda or Lunda provinces in moist Congolian forest. While the other species of *Mischogyne* are fairly similar to each other, *M. michelioides* has an impressively long receptacle (to 3 cm) and very long stamens quite unlike any other Annonaceae (van Heusden 1992). (Sadly we have been unable to locate a photograph of a live flower). It is described as a shrub branched from the base growing in cracks between boulders. The origin and evolution of *Mischogyne michelioides* is unclear.

Research on tropical African species distribution and speciation has often emphasised Pleistocene refugia as a driving force (e.g. Duminil *et al.* 2015).

Couvreur *et al.* (2008b) demonstrate that the West-East vicariance in other Monodorioid genera occurred in the late Miocene 8 – 6 million years BCE (Myr). This separation reflects a world-wide cooling and drying of ecosystems (Herbert *et al.* 2016). A presumed pan-African rainforest existed in the mid-Miocene Climatic Optimum (17 – 15 Myr) and explains the common Guinean – Congolese – East African distribution. Estimated Miocene rainforest extent does not show it extending into Angola (Morley 2007). There are small fragments of wet forest in Angola today which Gossweiler (Gossweiler & Mendonça 1939) refers to as “laurasilva”, but these occur to the north of the *Mischogyne michelioides* distribution. One hypothesis is that wet forest extended along the coast of Angola in the Miocene, and that the population there adapted to drier conditions and possibly a specific pollinator, producing its unusual morphology.

Taxonomic Treatment

Mischogyne Exell (1932); R. E. Fries (1959); Paiva (1966); Le Thomas (1969). Type species: *Mischogyne michelioides* Exell

Trees or *shrubs*. *Trunk* straight, sometimes fluted, cylindrical, or shrubs branching from the base (*M. michelioides*). Very young leaf buds, leaves, and twigs with a soft brown indumentum of appressed hairs, quickly glabrous or glabrescent. *Twigs* striate, light grey to dark grey to brown. *Petioles* terete, deeply grooved adaxially, glabrous to densely pubescent. *Leaves* simple, entire, alternate, petiolate and exstipulate, lamina narrowly elliptic to obovate, chartaceous to coriaceous, often slightly bullate, glabrous to pubescent; dark glossy green above, lighter green below, drying olive green concolorous or paler below; midrib impressed on the upper side, raised on the lower side, glabrescent; secondary venation brochidodromous, prominent above and below; tertiary venation markedly reticulate on both surfaces of the lamina with reticulation net cells 0.6 – 1.8 mm wide. *Inflorescence* extra-axillary or terminal (*M. michelioides*) on young branches, single flowered (occasionally two flowers in *M. gabonensis*). *Bracts* generally reduced to a tuft of hairs or early caducous. *Flowers* bisexual. *Sepals* 3, reduplicate-valvate, free, enclosing the receptacle until anthesis (Fig. 2A – C), or united in a thin membranous capsule rupturing at anthesis (*M. gabonensis*, Fig. 2D). *Petals* 6, in two alternating whorls of three each, white, free, subequal, elliptic to ovate, pubescent, reflexing at anthesis except *M. michelioides* where the petals spread from the base. *Receptacle* extended as a torus, conical, cylindrical, or elongate in a thin flexible column, with

stamens attached to the lower portion and carpels attached at the apex. *Stamens* numerous, spirally arranged, linear, latrorse, basifixed, appressed at least in lower part against the torus; filament minimal or absent; connective and thecae nearly the length of the anther; connective pubescent or glabrous, without expanded terminal extension, connective apex glabrous or terminated by a tuft of hairs. *Sepals*, petals and stamens dropping at end of anthesis, leaving the receptacle and carpels exposed. *Carpels* 3 – 12 (to 40 in *M. michelioides*), cylindrical to ovoid, densely pubescent; style short or absent, stigma bilobed, ovules numerous, lateral, biseriate, placentation parietal. *Fruits* monocarp 1 – 3, ellipsoid, oblong to globose, pubescent to glabrous, smooth or with slight longitudinal ribs, constricted or not around the seeds, shortly stipitate, apiculate. *Seeds* 3 – 12 per monocarp, flattened to transversely ellipsoid, raphe raised to flat, ruminate with 15 – 20 membranous semi-circular invaginations.

POLLEN. Pollen in tetrads. Exine reduced, inaperturate, globose, tectum reticulate-perforate. (Doyle & Le Thomas 2012) Only *Mischogyne elliotiana* (Walker 1972) and *Mischogyne congolana* (Le Thomas 1980) have been examined. Doyle & Le Thomas (2012) give an overview of pollen in the Annonaceae, and show that *Mischogyne* pollen characters are largely congruent with other genera of Monodoreae. Le Thomas (1980) uses *Mischogyne gabonensis* as an example of “mixed structure of the infratectile layer”, differing slightly from other genera in the clade which have a “columellar structure”. Couvreur *et al.* (2008c) provide a survey of pollen in the other genera of the clade.

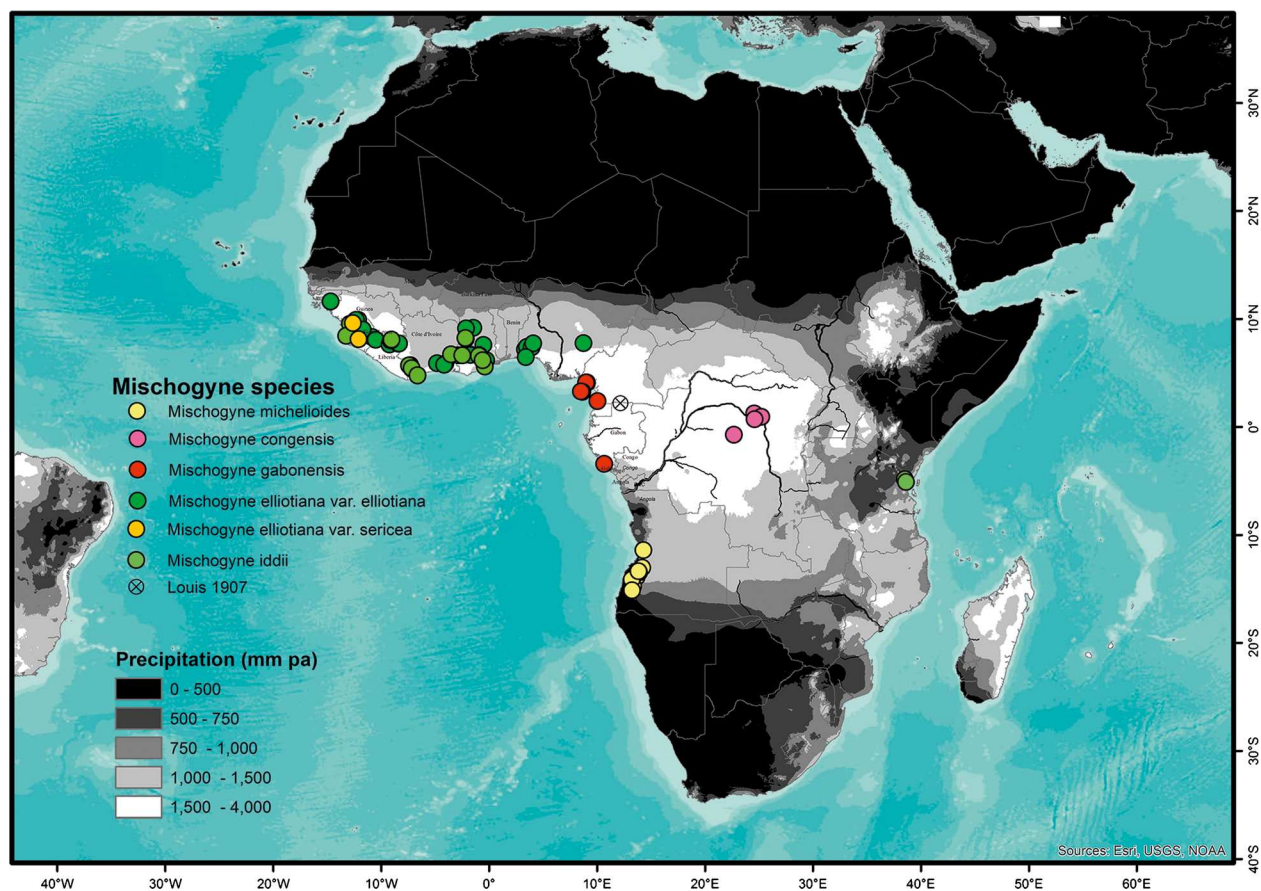
ECOLOGY. Evergreen or semideciduous equatorial or gallery forest, with 1000 – 4000 mm precipitation per annum (ppa); except *Mischogyne michelioides*: rivers, sandy areas, or among rocks at altitude 600 – 1000 m and 650 – 1000 mm rainfall ppa.

POLLINATION. No studies have been done. Saunders (2012) observed that the lack of a pollination chamber is “typical of small-beetle pollination”.

DISPERSAL. No scientific observations are known. Dispersal of *Mischogyne congensis* by snakes cannot be ruled out. “Les indigènes prétendent que les serpents mangent beaucoup le fruit de cet arbuste.” (Gilbert, G.C. 2321bis).

USES. *Mischogyne congensis* is used against snake bites (Gilbert 2321bis); *M. michelioides* for treatment of swollen legs (Damann 2557) and against madness (Santos 252). *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *sericea* is used to clean hats and other cloth (Deighton 510).

ETYMOLOGY. μίσχος = stalk (Greek) + gyne for the elongate gynoeceum of *Mischogyne michelioides*, the type species.



Map 1. Distribution of all species of *Mischogyne*.

Key to the species of *Mischogyne*

- 1a Torus > 10 mm long, elongate flexible, leaves deciduous (Angola) **5. *M. michelioides***
 1b Torus < 7 mm long, cylindrical or connate, leaves evergreen **2**
 2a Calyx with sepals united, opening by rupturing (Fig. 2D); (Coastal forests Cameroon, Bioko, Gabon) . . . **3. *M. gabonensis***
 2b Calyx of 3 free reduplicate sepals, opening by separation at valvate sepal margins (Fig. 2A, B, C) **3**
 3a Tree to 20 m tall, leaves 16 – 32 cm long (Usambara Mountains, Tanzania) **4. *M. iddii***
 3b Shrub or small tree 3 – 10 m tall, leaves 8 – 20 cm long (West and Central Africa) **4**
 4a Leaves with a wax gloss above and below, secondary nerves ascending at 10° – 30° angle to midrib, to 10 – 20% of the leaf length before anastomosing; stigma sessile; older petioles glabrous (mid-Congo riverine) **1. *M. congensis***
 4b Leaves matte below, secondary nerves ascending at 30° – 45° angle to midrib, to 25 – 30% of the leaf length before anastomosing; stigma on short style; all petioles with indumentum (West Africa) **5**
 5a Young leaves glabrous; secondary nerves 6 – 9; acumen 8 – 15% of the leaf length . . . **2a. *M. elliotiana* var. *elliotiana***
 5b Underside of young leaves with straight white hairs 0.8 – 1.2 mm long, secondary nerves 9 – 12; acumen 20 – 25% of the leaf length **2b. *M. elliotiana* var. *sericea***

1. *Mischogyne congensis* Gosline sp. nov. Type: Congo (Kinshasa), Yambuya, 9 Nov. 1956, *Evrard* 2000 (holotype BR* [BR6102002270390], isotype K! [K000874272]).

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Uvariastrum ellioitianum sensu Boutique, non *U. elliotianum* Engl. & Diels (Boutique 1951).

Small tree 3 – 7 m tall, to 9 cm diam.; branches and twigs glabrous; very young twigs with sparse brown appressed hairs 0.1 – 0.4 mm long. *Twigs* light grey to

brown, roughly striate, glabrescent, youngest shoots and shoot buds covered with light brown hairs 0.1 – 0.4 mm long. *Petioles* 5 – 10 mm long, 1 – 2 mm in diam., glabrescent, drying black; very young petioles with sparse hairs 0.1 – 0.3 mm long. *Leaf* lamina narrowly obovate to elliptic, 10 – 18 cm long, 3.5 – 6 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 3.5, apex acuminate to caudate, acumen triangular to linear, 1 – 3 cm long, 0.2 – 0.5 cm wide at mid-length, base cuneate, coriaceous, glabrous on both surfaces, glossy green above and below, drying glossy green to matte light green; midrib glabrous; secondary nerves 8 – 9, gradually ascending at 10° – 30° angle to midrib to 10 – 20% of the leaf length before anastomosing, glabrous. *Flowers* 1 (– 2?) on leafy branches. Flower buds ovoid, 0.6 – 0.8 cm long, 0.5 – 0.6 cm in diam., with slightly obtuse apex. No bracts seen. Flowering pedicel 0.2 – 0.9 cm long, 0.6 – 1 mm in diam., densely pubescent, hairs 0.05 – 0.2 mm long, appressed, brown. *Sepals* oblong, 0.8 – 1 cm long, 0.5 – 0.6 cm wide, length:width ratio 1.5, base rounded, apex obtuse, pubescent outside and inside, hairs 0.05 – 0.1 mm long, light green when fresh, brown in herbarium material. *Petals* narrowly ovate, 2 cm long, 0.5 cm wide, length:width ratio 4, base rounded, apex rounded, outer surface with dense straight appressed hairs 0.2 – 0.5 mm long, inner surface with soft curling hairs 0.1 mm long, glabrescent, white when fresh. *Torus* cylindrical, 2 – 3.5 mm long, 1 – 1.3 mm diam., densely pubescent with stiff white semi-erect hairs 0.8 – 1.2 mm long directed towards apex. *Stamens* not seen. *Carpels* 9 – 16, 3 – 4 mm long, 1 – 2 mm in diam., indumentum as torus; stigma sessile, 0.6 – 0.8 mm diam., drying black. *Fruits* with only one mature monocarp in specimen seen. Monocarp ovoid, 6 cm long, 3 cm in diam., with a soft brown indumentum when dried, stipe 1 cm long, 0.4 cm in diam. Seeds not seen. Figs 2C, 3.

RECOGNITION. Similar to *Mischogyne elliotiana* in being a small rainforest shrub or tree with leaves less than 20 cm long, but differing in: many leaves having a linear acumen arising from the rounded apex of the leaf and 5 times or more as long as wide rather than apex attenuate or acuminate with a triangular acumen 1 – 3 times long as wide; secondary nerves ascendant 10 – 25% of the leaf length before anastomosing at a distinct angle to a marginal nerve vs ascendant 25 – 30% of the leaf length before anastomosing almost parallel with the margin; the leaves drying dark glossy green above and below rather than matte below; the older petioles glabrous rather than having at least some indumentum (Fig. 3).

DISTRIBUTION. Democratic Republic of Congo (Map 1).

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO. Équateur province: Yalisenga (Mondombe) 380 m, [0°43'30"S 22°40'32"E], fr, 21 April 1959, C. M. Evrard 6205 (BR*, K!); *ibid.*, fl fr, 26 Dec. 1958, C. M. Evrard 5376 (K!). Orientale province: Busukulu Village, Environs do Yangambi Reserve no. 121/Agri 1953, [0°43'N 24°36'E], 30 Sept. 1947, J. Leonard 1461 (BR*); *ibid.*, 1 Aug. 1947, J. Leonard 1311 (BR*, K!, P*); Bengamisa Yangambi Bengamisa Route vers 45 km, 450 m, [0°56'28"N 25°12'23"E], fl, 21 May 1936, G. Gilbert 2321bis (BR*, K!, P*); Yambuya, 400 m, [1°15'3"N 24°33'5"E], fl, 1 Nov. 1956, C. M. Evrard 2000 (BR*, K!, P*).

HABITAT. Riverine forest. Semi-deciduous forest.

CONSERVATION STATUS. This taxon is only known from six specimens and four locations on the Congo, Aruwimi, Lindi, and Tshuapa rivers in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The Meise herbarium has 5339 Annonaceae specimens from the DRC, many collected near the biological research station at Yangambi. The existence of only six specimens indicates that the species is rare. The area around Yangambi on the Congo is subject to continuing urbanisation as seen in satellite images. All the locations appear to be impacted by shifting cultivation (Google Earth 2018). Tree cover loss in the 2000 hectares including Yangambi was 18% from 2000 – 2017. Loss along the Lindi river is 45% in this period (Hansen *et al.* 2013). Threats from deforestation along the rivers appear to be substantial. The four locations give an EOO of 11618 km² and an AOO of 16 km². The indicated IUCN rating is Endangered B1&2ab(iii).

PHENOLOGY. Flowering in November, December, May. Fruiting April.

VERNACULAR NAME. Inaola a loopa (Turumbu, Leonard 1311).

USES. The leaves and crushed fruits are applied by scarification on the bites of snakes. The local people say that snakes eat a lot of the fruit of this shrub (Gilbert 2321bis).

NOTES. These specimens have previously been determined as *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *glabra*. Their geographic isolation led us to take a closer look. The secondary venation and abrupt long linear acumen indicated a distinct taxon and the molecular phylogenetic hypothesis confirms this taxon as being in a clade with *M. michelioides* and *M. iddii*, the Angolan and Tanzanian taxa, and in a different clade from *M. elliotiana*.

2. *Mischogyne elliotiana* (Engl. & Diels) Le Thomas (1969: 285); Hawthorne & Jongkind (2006). *Uvariastrum elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) Sprague & Hutch. (Sprague & Hutchinson 1916: 159), (Keay 1952), (Keay *et al.* 1952); (Hutchinson *et al.* 1958);

(Aubréville 1959); (Keay *et al.* 1964). *Uvaria elliotiana* Engl. & Diels in Engler (1901: 28). Type: Sierra Leone, Talla Hills, Duunia, Mount Gonkwi, 1892, *Scott-Elliot* 4855 (lectotype, designated by Turner (2013): K! [K000198794], isotype B* [B 10 0153004]).

Uvariopsis chevalieri Robyns & Ghesq. (Robyns & Ghesquiere 1933). Type: Nigeria, Lokomedji (Lagos) [Olokemeji], July 1905, *Chevalier* 14069 (holotype P* [P01960205]).

Shrub or small tree up to 4 – 7 (– 10) m tall with slender arching habit, trunk cylindrical, up to 12 cm in diam.; old branches glabrous; young branches glabrous to sparsely pubescent rapidly glabrescent, hairs 0.1 – 0.3 mm long, appressed, brown. *Bark* blackish-green, finely rugose, pustulate; slash yellowish-white, fibrous, strongly scented, “smells like green tomatoes” (*Nimba Botanic Team* 974). *Petioles* 3 – 6 mm long, 1 – 2 mm in diam., with sparse to dense indumentum of hairs 0.2 – 0.8 mm long. *Leaf* lamina obovate to narrowly elliptic, 8 – 25 cm long, 2.5 – 12 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 3, apex acute to attenuate to acuminate, base rounded to acuminate to attenuate, chartaceous to coriaceous, glabrous or with white hairs below on younger leaves (var. *sericea*), glossy green above when fresh, drying matte, brown to olive, concolorous or lighter below; midrib glabrescent above and below to densely pubescent (var. *sericea*); secondary veins 7 – 12, secondary nerves ascending at 30° – 45° angle to midrib to 25 – 30% of the leaf length before anastomosing. *Flowers* 1 (– 2?). Flower buds ovoid, 0.8 – 1.5 cm long, 0.5 – 1 cm in diam., apex obtuse. (Fig. 2A). No bracts seen. Flowering pedicel 1 – 1.5 cm long, 0.5 – 1 mm in diam., pubescent, hairs 0.1 – 0.3 mm long, appressed, light brown. *Sepals* oblong lanceolate, 0.9 – 1.6 cm long, 0.5 – 0.7 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 3, apex acute, base rounded, densely pubescent outside, same as on pedicel, tomentose inside; light green when fresh, light brown in herbarium material. *Petals* narrowly ovate, 1.5 – 2 cm long, 0.5 cm wide, length:width ratio 3 – 3.5, apex acute, base truncate, reflexed at anthesis, outer surface densely pubescent, hairs 0.2 – 0.5 mm long, appressed, light brown, inner surface tomentose becoming glabrous,

white when fresh, dark brown in herbarium material. *Torus* columnar, 0.8 – 3 mm. long, 1 – 1.5 mm diam., densely pubescent. *Stamens* 20 – 40, 1.2 – 2 mm long, 0.5 – 0.8 mm wide; filament rudimentary, connective visible as a line of hairs between thecae with extension absent or less than 0.1 mm long, terminating in a tuft of hairs 0.1 – 0.2 mm long. *Carpels* ellipsoid, 6 – 12, 4.5 – 5 mm long, 1.5 – 2 mm in diam., densely pubescent, hairs 0.8 – 1 mm long, stiff, semi-erect appressed upwards, stigma on a short style 0.4 – 0.9 mm long, 0.1 mm in diam., stigma bilobed, 0.6 – 1 mm long and wide, glabrous, yellow drying black. Ovules c. 20 in two series. *Fruits* with a single mature monocarp in specimens seen. Monocarp 4 – 10 cm long, 1.5 – 6 cm in diam., ovoid or slightly constricted around seeds, dense indumentum of erect brown to white hairs 0.08 – 0.1 mm long, greenish-yellow to yellow; stipe 1.5 cm long 0.5 cm diam.

DISTRIBUTION. Guinea-Bissau to Nigeria (Map 1).

HABITAT. Riverine in wet evergreen forests and gallery forests, especially coastal forests (Ivory Coast). In secondary forest in Guinea.

CONSERVATION STATUS. IUCN assessed as LC (Rokni 2016).

PHENOLOGY. Flowering in February – May, November. Fruiting April – November.

ETYMOLOGY. Named for the collector Prof. George Francis Scott Elliot from Kew who collected the type while attached to the Sierra Leone Boundary Commission expedition in 1892.

VERNACULAR NAME. None recorded.

USES. var. *sericea*: “The old leaves lose their hairs and become hard, and are used for cleaning caps and other cloth articles.” (*Deighton* 510).

NOTES. This species is widespread in West Africa where precipitation exceeds 1000 mm pa. It grows in a variety of forest habitats. Keay (1952) described three varieties. We have been unable to find any consistent difference between his var. *glabrum* and the nominate variety. The two remaining varieties are described below.

Key to varieties of *Mischogyne elliotiana*

Young leaf blades glabrous, secondary nerves 6 – 9; acumen 5 – 15% length of leaf ***M. elliotiana* var. *elliotiana***
 Young leaf blades with sparse indumentum of sericeous white hairs below, secondary nerves 9 – 12, acumen 20 – 25% length of leaf. ***M. elliotiana* var. *sericea***

2a. *Mischogyne elliotiana* (Engl. & Diels) Le Thomas var. *elliotiana*

Mischogyne elliotiana var. *glabrum* Keay (1952; 151).

Shrub or small tree 4 – 7 (– 10) m tall. *Petioles* 3 – 6 mm long, 1 – 2 mm in diam. Young *twigs*, *petioles* and *midrib* with a strigose 30 – 60% cover of hairs 0.3 –

0.8 mm long. *Leaf* lamina obovate to narrowly elliptic, 8 – 17 cm long, 4 – 8 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 3, apex attenuate to acuminate, acumen 1 – 2.5 cm long, 0.8 – 1.5 cm at base, base cuneate; chartaceous to coriaceous, lamina glabrous on both sides; older midribs sometimes sparsely hairy above and below with hairs 0.2 – 0.3 mm long; secondary veins 7 – 9.



Fig. 3. *Mischogyne congensis*, fruiting specimen showing linear acumen and secondary veins not ascendant (Evrard 6205 <http://www.botanicalcollections.be/specimen/BR0000015312709>).

Fruit: monocarp 6–10 cm long, 4–6 cm in diam., yellow or green with white spots, pulp white, edible. **Seeds** 6–12 in one or two rows, 2–2.8 cm long × 1.2–1.5 cm wide by 0.3–0.5 cm deep, straight on one side, semi-circular on the other, covered with a white membrane (Fig. 4).

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. GUINEA-BISSAU. Bafatá region: Saltinho, margens do rio Corubal, 34 m, [11°36'52"N 14°40'58"W], 30 May 1948, *J. V. G. Espirito Santo* 2481 (K!). **GUINEA-CONAKRY.** Forécariah Préfecture: Kounoukan Forêt Clasee, 2 km de village Gberegoun; district de Kamallaya, dans le chaîne de mts Benna, 90 m, [9°32'48"N 12°53'5"W], fl, 8 June 2011, *N. Camara* 713 (K!). Kindia Préfecture: rivière Diani, 466 m, [8°4'24"N 9°2'W], fl, 25 Feb. 1949, *J.-G. Adam* 3854 (P*); Mamou Préfecture: Sabouya 8 km SW from Sabouya, Dalakhoumba 114 m, [9°54'42"N 12°7'21"W], 15 May 2012, *L. Lopez Poveda* 145 (K!). Nzérékoré Préfecture: Nimba Mts, plot JRFB06. 605 m, [7°42'6"N 8°24'29"W], 30 Nov. 2007, *Nimba Botanic Team* JR974 (MO); plot WHSL05, 513 m, [7°42'32"N 8°20'37"W], 28 Nov. 2007, *Nimba Botanic Team* WH974 (MO); Sérédou Koïma Tongoro [8°16'N 9°6'E], 14 April 1965, *F. Camara* 2 (BR); Forêt Classée de Mt Yonon next to the Diane R., 480 m, [7°59'15"N 9°7'5"W], fr, 7 May 2011, *C. C. H. Jongkind* 10664 (L*); Mt Yonon, New Plot 4. 775 m, [8°0'17"N 9°4'38"W], 9 Feb. 2012, *E. L. A. N. Simons* 827 (L*). Yomou Préfecture: Gpagaye Guinea, Nzérékoré, N of village Gpagaye, 414 m, [7°37'48"N 9°13'24"W], fl, 3 May 2011, *C. C. H. Jongkind* 10570 (BR*, L*, P*). **SIERRA LEONE.** Mount Gonkwi, Duunia, Talla Hills, 640 m, [9°54'29"N 12°20'1"W], fl, 1 Feb. 1892, *G. F. Scott-Elliot* 4855 (B*, K!). Northern province: Southern Sula Mts, SE of Bumbuna, near Kegbema village, 490 m, [9°0'26"N 11°42'18"W], 19 Nov. 2012, *Tonkolili Plants* 1324 (K!). Southern province: Bandajuma, 202 m, [8°18'33"N 10°51'3"W], 10 May 1914, *Aylmer* 79 (K!). Western Area (Freetown): Sugar Loaf Mountain Near summit of Sugar loaf at about 2,400 ft, Peninsula, 732 m, [8°25'19"N 13°13'50"W], 30 Jan. 1971, *P. W. Richards* 7100 (K!). **LIBERIA.** Eastern Region: Vahun, Kolahun Distr. 249 m, [8°4'N 10°30'W], fr, 7 Nov. 1947, *J. T. Baldwin Jr* 10221 (K!). **IVORY COAST.** San Pedro, 13 m, [4°46'N 6°37'45"W], 1 Jan. 1901, *Thoiré* s.n. (P*); Moyen-Comoé (Région du): Abengourou, 186 m, [6°42'41"N 3°31'5"W], 1 May 1949, *Bégué* 2988 (P*). **GHANA.** fl, 1 Jan. 1929, *C. Vigne* 1630 (P!); Banks of R. Volta, 152 m, 1 April 1929, *C. Vigne* 1689 (K!); Bonsa Su, May, *C. Vigne* 1977 (K!). Ashanti Region: Yabi Yabei, 254 m, [6°39'4"N 1°42'32"W], 1 June 1800, *C. Vigne* 3893 (K!); Near Kwapon, c. 100 km WSW of Kumasi, 196 m, [6°37'N 2°29'W], fl, 20 Dec. 1963, *R. A. A. Oldeman* 777 (K!, L*); Bui Bui, Banda, Brong-Ahafo, by Volta, 100 m,

[8°13'27"N 2°11'40"W], 19 May 1961, *J. K. Morton* 4230 (K!, L*); Eastern Region: Kwahu Prasu 229 m, [6°37'14"N 0°54'28"W], 1 July 1929, *C. Vigne* 1628 (K!); Atewa Range F.R., Atewa Range, E.P. (Feb.). 457 m, [6°10'N 0°36'W], fl, 1 Feb. 1937, *C. Vigne* 4336 (K!, P*). **BENIN.** Ouémé Department: Togbota ague, Isaweme, [6°39'N 2°25'48"E], 20 Nov. 2000, *Dan & Hanon* R2:22155 (BR*). **NIGERIA.** Benue state: Abinsi, Nigeria, [7°45'N 8°45'E], 1 June 1912, *J. M. Dalziel* 761 (BM!, K!). Lagos state: Western Lagos, [6°27'11"N 3°23'45"E], fr, 1 Aug. 1893, *J. W. Rowland* s.n. (K!); Lagos, fl, 10 Feb. 1906, *E. W. Foster* 9 (K!, P*). Ogun state: Olokemeji, 79 m, [7°24'33"N 3°30'23"E], fr, 1 July 1905, *A. J. B. Chevalier* 13998, 14069 (P*); Abeokuta, 25 m, [7°9'44"N 3°19'46"E], fr, 1 July 1905, *A. J. B. Chevalier* 13911 (P*). Oyo state: Ibadan, 197 m, [7°22'2"N 3°56'14"E], fr, 6 April 1948, *R. W. J. Keay* 22828 (K!); Awba R. just S of Awba Hills and N of the Oyo-Iwo road, 228 m, [7°44'15"N 4°5'22"E], fr, 22 June 1957, *R. W. J. Keay & H. T. Clifford* FHI37071 (K!, P*).

2b. *Mischogyne elliotiana* (Engl. & Diels) *Le Thomas* var. *sericea* Keay (1952: 151). Type: Sierra Leone, River bank, Njala, 10 Feb. 1927, *Deighton* 510 (holotype K! [K000198795], lectotype B!, NSW [NSW459966]).

Shrub or small tree to 5 m tall. Young *twigs*, petioles, midrib above and below with a dense indumentum of white hairs 0.8–1.4 mm long. *Petioles* 5–12 mm long, 2–4 mm in diam. *Leaf* lamina narrowly ovate or ovate to narrowly obovate or obovate, 12–25 cm long, 5–8 cm wide, length:width ratio 2.5–4, apex acuminate or attenuate, acumen 2–4 cm long, 1.5–2.5 cm at base, both surfaces with a glabrescent indumentum of appressed white hairs 0.7–1.1 mm long, strongly coriaceous, drying matte brown, lighter below; midrib secondary veins 9–14. **Fruit** ellipsoid, constricted between seeds when dry, 4 cm long, 2 cm diam., apiculate.

DISTRIBUTION. Guinea (Conakry) and Sierra Leone (Map 1).

HABITAT. Lowland forest along rivers.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. GUINEA (CONAKRY). Kindia Préfecture: Ouélia, Environs de Kindia, Bords de la Kolenté, 60 m, fl, [9°36'23" 12°37'1"], 1 May 1934, *H. Jacques-Félix* 465 (K!, P*). **SIERRA LEONE.** Southern province: Njala, R. bank, Njala., 55 m, [8°6'31" 12°5'], 8 July 1935, *F. C. Deighton* 3015 (K!, SL*); *ibid.*, 10 Feb. 1927, *F. C. Deighton* 510 (BM!, K!).

PHENOLOGY. Flowering in February, May; Fruiting July.

VERNACULAR NAME. None recorded.

USES. "The old leaves lose their hairs and become hard, and are used for cleaning caps and other cloth articles." (*Deighton* 510).



Fig. 4. *Mischogyne elliotiana* var. *elliotiana*. **A** extra-axillary flower; **B** extra-axillary fruit (Tonkolili Plants 1324). PHOTOS: **A** CAREL JONGKIND, **B** XANDER VAN DER BURGT.

NOTES. The larger leathery leaves generally without an acumen together with the glabrescent indumentum of long hairs on the leaves make specimens of this taxon markedly distinct from other *Mischogyne elliotiana* specimens.

3. *Mischogyne gabonensis* (Le Thomas) Gosline comb. et stat. nov.

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Mischogyne elliotiana (Engl. & Diels) Le Thomas var. *gabonensis* Pellegr. ex Le Thomas, *Flore du Gabon* 16: 291 (1969). *Uvariastrum elliotianum* var. *gabonensis* Pellegr. (Pellegrin 1949), nom. nud. Type: Gabon, Mayumba, region de Nyanga, 26 Aug. 1914, *Le Testu* 1768 (hololectotype P, sheet here designated [P00315820]; isotypes BM! [BM000547338], BR × 2* [BR0000008801661, BR0000008802330], LISC* [LISC000379], P × 2* [P00315817, P00315818], WAG × 5* [WAG0175098, WAG0175099, WAG0247284, WAG0247285, WAG0247286]).

Tree 3 – 7 (– 25) m tall, up to 25 cm in diam., branches and twigs glabrous. *Twigs* light grey to brown, striate. Shoot buds with light brown hairs 0.05 – 0.1 mm long. *Petioles* 5 – 10 mm long, 1.5 – 2 mm in diam., sparse indumentum of hairs 0.1 mm long or glabrous. *Leaf* lamina obovate, 8 – 16 cm long, 4 – 7 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 2.5, apex rounded, abruptly acuminate, acumen linear, 1 – 3 cm long, 0.5 – 1 cm wide at base, 0.2 – 0.4 at mid-length, base cuneate, coriaceous, glabrous on both sides, glossy green above and light green below when fresh, drying matte, olive to brown, lighter below; midrib glabrous above and below; secondary veins 6 – 9, ascendant at 30° – 50° from midrib to 20 – 40% of length of the leaf, anastomosing near margin. *Flowers* with flower buds 0.7 – 1.3 cm long, 0.3 – 0.5 cm in diam. Pedicel 0.5 –

1.2 cm long, 0.3 – 0.9 mm in diam., pubescent, hairs 0.1 – 0.3 mm long, appressed, light brown. *Sepals* united into a thin membranous capsule, ovoid to conical, 0.7 – 1.3 cm long, 0.3 – 0.5 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 2.5, base rounded, apex acute or caudate (Fig. 2D). Calyx opens by rupturing, usually, into two parts drying dark brown, tomentose outside and inside, often the tips are lost leaving truncate “sepals”, thin, fragile and caducous. *Petals* narrowly elliptic, 1.4 – 1.6 cm long, 0.3 – 0.5 cm wide, length:width ratio 3 – 3.5, base truncate, apex acute, outer surface densely pubescent, hairs 0.1 – 0.3 mm long, appressed, light brown, inner surface tomentose becoming glabrous, white when fresh, inner surface dark brown in herbarium material. *Torus* truncated conical, 2.2 – 3 mm. long, 1.5 tapering to 1 mm diam., upper part densely pubescent. Stamens mounted spirally on lower 60% of torus but generally fallen in herbarium specimens; carpels at the top, divergent. *Stamens* 50 – 60, 1 – 3 mm long, 0.5 – 0.8 mm wide; yellow when fresh, filament 0.1 – 0.2 mm long, connective with an indumentum of hairs 0.1 mm long between thecae terminating in an extension of 0.1 – 0.2 mm. *Carpels* 3 – 7, 3 – 5.5 mm long, 1 – 1.5 mm in diam., densely pubescent, hairs 0.05 – 0.2 mm long, velvety, appressed, white; stigma sessile, bilobed, 1 – 1.1 mm long, 0.6 – 0.9 mm wide, glabrous, yellow drying black. *Fruits* nearly sessile with 1 – 3 ovoid monocarps 6 – 6.5 × 2.8 – 3.2 cm, green with white speckles. Seeds 6 in yellow pulp, 2 × 1.5 cm with an indumentum of fine white hairs (Fig. 5).

RECOGNITION. Similar to *Mischogyne elliotiana* in its flowers and fruits. Distinct in being a medium-sized tree to 25 m tall rather than a small tree or shrub 3 – 10 m tall; in having 3 – 7 carpels rather than 7 – 12; and in having sepals united in a capsular membranous calyx rather than three free reduplicate-valvate sepals; in the carpel indumentum velvety appressed with hairs 0.05 – 0.2 mm long, rather than with longer bristly semi-erect hairs 0.8 – 1 mm long.

DISTRIBUTION. Cameroon, Bioko (Equatorial Guinea), Gabon (Map 1).

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. CAMEROON. South Region: Nkoolong, Environs de Nko'olong, 30 km E Campo, *B. Satabié* 978 (YA not seen). Southwest Region: Njonji, Fako, along path to the lake., 200 m, [4°6' 8°59'], fr, 26 Sept. 2001, *D. Kenfack* 1545 (MO*); Bakingili, Mount Cameroon National Park, Bakingili trail, above Bakingili village, 449 m, fl, 2 April 2016, *T. L. P. Couvreur* 1033 (photos only). **EQUATORIAL GUINEA.** Bioko: Moaba - Moka Trail / Pt 141 - Pt 139, 300 m, [3°16' 8°38'6"], fl, 15 March 2007, *W. R. Q. Luke* 11941 (K!). **GABON.** Nyanga Province: Mayumba, région du Nyanga., 24 m, [3°25' 10°40'], fl, 26 Aug. 1914, *G. M. P. C. Le Testu* 1768 (BM*, BR*, L*, LISC*, P*).

HABITAT. Lowland evergreen rain forest.

CONSERVATION STATUS. This taxon is only known from four locations: (1) The Mt Cameroon sites are at the edge of the Mt Cameroon National Park but not within it and subject to community logging. (2) The specimen from the south of Cameroon is not in the Campo-Ma'an National Park, but in an area designated as a production forest. (3) Specimens from Bioko are from within the Reserva Científica de la Caldera de Luba. The forest in the reserve is described as pristine, but a new road is already increasing development pressure in the area (Cronin *et al.* 2015). (4) The exact location of the Gabonese specimen from Mayumba is unknown and it is not clear that it still exists. A "sustainable" development, including forestry, is planned for the Mayumba area (<http://www.sfmafrica.co.za/projects/gabon>). There are threats to plants in three of the four known locations. From the known specimens we compute an AOO of 24 km² and an EOO of 66192 km². This justifies an IUCN category of Endangered B2ab(ii).

PHENOLOGY. Flowering in January, November. Fruiting November.

ETYMOLOGY. Meaning 'from Gabon'.

VERNACULAR NAME. None recorded.

USES. None recorded.

NOTES. Annick Le Thomas (1969) described this taxon as a variety in the *Flore du Gabon* based on Pellegrin's nomum nudum *Uvariastrum elliotianum* (Engl. & Diels) Sprague & Hutch. var. *gabonensis*. Her diagnosis distinguishes the variety by fewer carpels (4–5) with an attenuate apex and sepals and pedicels puberulent. Her full description appears to be based on *Mischogyne elliotiana*, and the distinctive capsular calyx is not described.

The specimens from Mt Cameroon occur in one of the wettest environments in Africa with over 4000 mm ppa. Couvreur records the tree as up to 25 m tall, 25 cm diam. (*T. L. P. Couvreur* 1033), which makes it quite distinct from the smaller and more branched *Mischogyne elliotiana*. The leaves also have a longer and often linear acumen. This evidence justifies raising this taxon to the species level.

David Kenfack photographed fruits of this species (*D. Kenfack* 1545) showing hairy seeds (Fig. 6D). Hairy seeds are known from only a few genera (Setten *et al.* 1992) and this bears further investigation.

4. *Mischogyne iddii* Gosline & A.R. Marshall sp. nov.

Type: Tanzania, Bomole – PSP13. Amani Nature Reserve, East Usambara Mountains, 15 Oct. 2007, *Marshall* 1567 (holotype K!) [K000875075].

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Tree, 10 – 20 m tall, up to 13 – 45 cm in diam., *trunk* cylindrical; old branches glabrous; young branches and twigs glabrous to sparsely pubescent quickly becoming glabrous, hairs 0.3 – 0.6 mm long, appressed, brown. *Bark* light grey, smooth with horizontally-orientated eyes and fine striations; slash: yellow-brown with a dark brown edge. *Petioles* 6 – 8 mm long, 2 – 4 mm in diam., sparsely pubescent with hairs 0.3 – 0.6 mm long, appressed, white, becoming glabrous, drying black. *Leaf* lamina elliptic to narrowly elliptic, often slightly falcate, 16 – 32 cm long, 6 – 8 cm wide, length:width ratio 1.2 – 4, apex attenuate to acuminate, acumen triangular 1 – 2 cm long, 1 – 1.5 cm at base, leaf base cuneate; coriaceous, slightly bullate when fresh, glabrous on both sides, glossy green above when fresh, drying matte, lighter below; midrib glabrous; secondary veins 10 – 14, glabrous, ascending at 30° – 45° from midrib, curving upwards to 10 – 20% of length of leaf, anastomosing near margin. *Flowers*: buds 1.5 – 2 cm long, 1 cm in diam. No bracts seen. Flowering pedicel 0.5 – 0.8 cm long, 0.5 – 1 mm in diam., pubescent, hairs 0.2 – 0.3 mm long, appressed, white to light brown. *Sepals* ovate to narrowly ovate, 1.5 – 2 cm long, 0.5 – 0.7 cm wide, length:width ratio 2.5 – 3, base rounded, apex acute, densely pubescent outside, same as on pedicel, tomentose inside with soft semi-erect hairs 0.05 – 0.1 mm long; light green when fresh, light brown in herbarium material. *Petals* narrowly ovate, 1.5 – 2 cm long, 0.3 – 0.8 cm wide, length:width ratio 2.5 – 3, base truncate, apex acute, outer surface densely pubescent, hairs 0.3 – 0.6 mm long, appressed light brown, inner surface tomentose with soft semi-erect hairs 0.05 – 0.1 mm long becoming glabrous, white when fresh, dark brown when glabrous in herbarium material. *Torus* cylindrical, 4 – 7 mm. long, 2 – 3 mm diam., densely pubescent with hairs 0.2 – 0.4 mm long. *Stamens* 4 – 4.5 mm long; connective with an indumentum of white hairs 0.1 – 0.2 mm long, connective extending 0.1 – 0.6 mm beyond anthers ending in a tuft of hairs 0.1 – 0.3 mm long. *Carpels* 6 – 9, 4 – 6 mm long, 1 – 1.5 mm in diam., densely pubescent, hairs 0.6 – 0.8 mm long, appressed upwards, stigma sessile or on a short style to

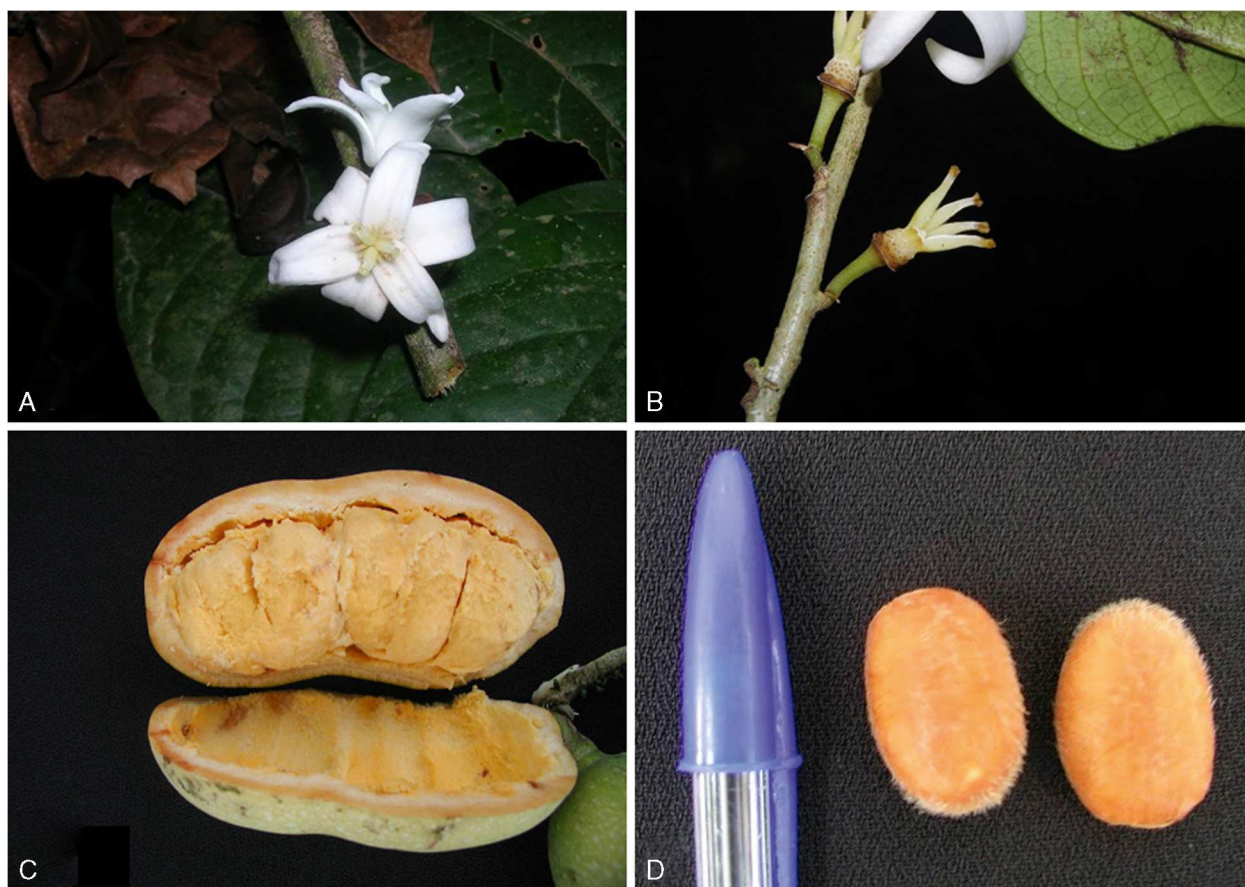


Fig. 5. *Mischogyne gabonensis*. **A** flowers (Luke 11941b); **B** post-anthesis flower (Couvreur 1033); **C** fruit longitudinally sectioned along long axis (Kenfack 1545); **D** seeds showing white hairs (Kenfack 1545). PHOTOS: **A** QUENTIN LUKE, **B** THOMAS COUVREUR, **C**, **D** DAVID KENFACK.

0.1 mm long, bilobed, 0.7 – 1.2 mm long and wide, glabrous, yellow drying black. *Fruits* unknown (Figs 6, 7).

RECOGNITION. Similar to *Mischogyne elliotiana* and *Mischogyne congensis*. Differing in being a medium-sized tree to 20 m tall rather than a small tree to 8 – 10 m tall; in leaves being larger, up to 32 cm long rather than to 20 cm.

DISTRIBUTION. Tanzania. Usambara Mountains (Map 1).

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. **TANZANIA.** Tanga: Amani Nature Reserve, East Usambara Mts, UTM 457800E, 9436950S, 15 Oct. 2007, A. R. Marshall 1567 (K! [holotype]), 1271 (K!); Masumbai F.R., W Usambaras, Forest below road from Bambuli to Mazumbai c. 2 km before Mazumbai, 8 Jan. 1976, Cribb & Grey-Wilson 10082 (DAR, EA, K!).

HABITAT. Mature forest. Growing with *Alchornea hirtella* Benth., *Allanblackia stuhlmannii* (Engl.) Engl., *Alsodeiopsis schumannii* (Engl.) Engl., *Anisophyllea obtusifolia* Engl. & Brehmer, *Anthocleista grandiflora* Gilg, *Aoranthus penduliflora* (K.Schum.) Somers, *Bersama abyssinica* Fresen., *Blighia unijugata* Baker, *Celtis africa-*

na Burm.f., *Cephalosphaera usambarensis* (Warb.) Warb., *Chrysophyllum* sp. cf. *gorungosanum* Engl., *Clematis dolichopoda* Brenan, *Cola* sp. cf. *greenwayi* Brenan, *Cynometra brachyrachis* Harms, *Diospyros loureiriana* G.Don, *Diospyros occulta* F.White, *Drypetes usambarica* (Pax) Hutch., *Englerodendron usambarense* Harms, *Entandrophragma excelsum* (Dawe & Sprague) Sprague, *Ficus lutea* Vahl, *Ficus natalensis* Hochst., *Isobertinia schefflerii* (Harms) Greenway, *Maesopsis eminii* Engl., *Magnistipula butayi* De Wild., *Maranthus goetzeniana* (Engl.) Prance, *Mesogyne insignis* Engl., *Myrianthus holstii* Engl., *Newtonia buchananii* (Baker f.) G.C.C.Gilbert & Boutique, *Parinari excelsa* Sabine, *Placodiscus amaniensis* Radlk., *Polyalthia suaveolens* Engl. & Diels var. *suaveolens*, *Pouteria adolfi-friedericii* (Engl.) A.Meeuse, *Quassia undulata* (Guill. & Perr.) D.Dietr., *Rawsonia lucida* Harv. & Sond., *Schefflerodendron usambarense* Harms ex Engl., *Shirakiopsis elliptica* (Hochst.) Esser, *Sorindeia madagascariensis* DC., *Suregada zanzibariensis* Baill., *Synsepalum cerasiferum* (Welw.) T.D.Penn., *Trichilia dregeana* Sond., *Trilepisium madagascariense* DC., *Xylopia aethiopica* (Dunal) A.Rich.,

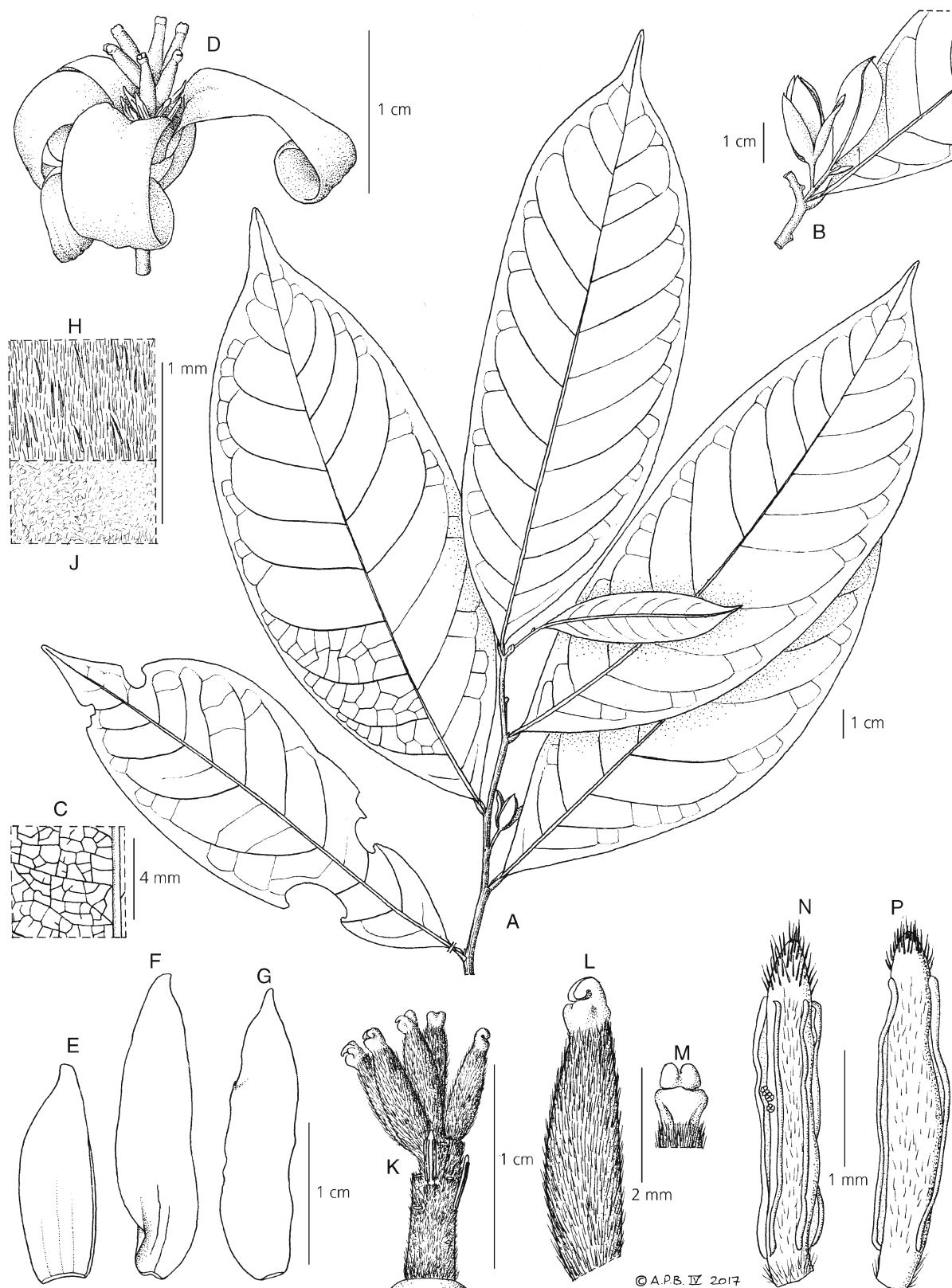


Fig. 6. *Mischogyne iddii*. A habit, flowering branch; B opening flower bud; C vein network detail; D open flower; E inner face of sepal; F inner face of outer petal; G inner face of inner petal; H detail of hairs on outer face of petal; J detail of hairs on inner face of petal; K carpels on androgynophore with two stamens in situ; L carpel; M stigmatic region of L viewed from left side; N outer face of stamen; P inner face of stamen. From Marshall 1567 (K) and photos. DRAWN BY ANDREW BROWN.

Xymalos monospora (Harv.) Baill., *Zanthoxylum gillettii* (De Wild.) P.G. Waterman, *Zenkerella cappariaceae* (Taub.) J. Léonard subsp. *grotei* (Harms) Temu (Marshall *et al.* 2012).

CONSERVATION STATUS. This tree is known from two locations, one each in the Eastern and Western Usambara Mountains, one in the nationally recognised Amani Nature Reserve and the other in the private Mazumbai reserve managed by the Sokoine University of Agriculture. Both reserves are well managed (Santos 2017). However, a study of eco-tourism in Amani shows little benefit to local villages (Shoo & Songorwa 2013). Cutting of trees for poles continues to be a problem in many Eastern Arc reserves (W. R. Q. Luke, A. R. Marshall, pers. obs.). The reserves are “islands” within a deforested landscape with extensive clearance of forest in neighbouring areas. Invasive tree species, particularly *Maesopsis eminii* Engl. are also growing extensively in the forest and hence competing with native trees for space (A. R. Marshall pers. obs.). The forest inventory of the Amani Nature Reserve records just six trees of this taxon (A. R. Marshall pers. com.). The Usambaras have been intensively studied for decades. The fact that only seven trees have ever been observed indicates a very small population. We estimate that it is likely that less than fifty individuals remain and that an IUCN category of Critically Endangered under criterion D is applicable. We take a slightly more conservative approach and, with an AOO of 8 km² based on a 2 km grid and two locations, suggest an IUCN category of Endangered B2ab(iii).

PHENOLOGY. Flowering in January, November.

VERNACULAR NAMES. Zonozono (Msofu).

USES. None recorded.

ETYMOLOGY. Named in honour of Iddi Rajabu, resident botanist at the Amani Nature Reserve and

co-author of the *Trees of Amani Nature Reserve* field guide.

NOTES. The biological importance of the Eastern Arc Mountains in Kenya and Tanzania is well known (Burgess *et al.* 2007). *Mischogyne iddii* joins the long list of Eastern Arc endemic species (*ibid.*), and new species of Annonaceae continue to be discovered (Couvreur *et al.* 2006; Couvreur & Luke 2010; Deroin & Luke 2005; Marshall *et al.* 2016; Verdcourt 1986). Couvreur *et al.* (2006) summarise the high diversity of Annonaceae in Tanzania and this species brings the number of genera in Tanzania to 29.

5. *Mischogyne michelioides* Exell (1932: 213); Exell & Mendonça (1937, 1, 1: 30); Exell & Mendonça (1951, 1, 2: 356); Fries (1959: Tab. XIII); Paiva (1966: 105). Type: Angola, Quanza-Sul, Seles (Ucu) entre os rios Gunza e Cuvo, 8 Sept. 1930, Gossweiler 9379 (holotype BM! [BM000547339]; isotypes COI* [COI00071516], K! [K000198792], LISC* [K000198792], US* [00098848]).

Deciduous sub-shrub or shrub 1 – 5 m tall usually branching from the base. Young branches and *twigs* densely pubescent with hairs 0.5 – 1.1 mm long, quickly glabrescent. *Bark* grey, lightly fissured. *Petioles* 6 – 8 mm long, 1 – 3 mm in diam., pubescent with hairs 0.5 – 1.1 mm long, glabrescent. *Leaves* deciduous, lamina obovate, oblong-obovate, rarely ovate to elliptic, 7 – 20 cm long, 4 – 8.5 cm wide, length:width ratio 2 – 2.5, apex attenuate to acuminate, rarely obtuse-rounded, base rounded to subcordate, less often cuneate at base, chartaceous, young leaves sparsely pubescent on both surfaces with hairs 0.2 – 0.8 mm long, becoming glabrous above and glabrescent below; midrib glabrous above glabrescent below; 8 – 16 pairs secondary veins ascendant at 45° – 60° to 30 – 50% of the leaf length indistinctly



Fig. 7. *Mischogyne iddii*. A flower; B post-anthesis flower and bud (petals and anthers fallen); bud showing reduplicate calyx similar to *Uvariastrum* (Marshall 1567). PHOTOS: ANDREW R. MARSHALL.

anastomosing at margin. *Flowers* solitary, extra-axillary or terminal, in bud with old leaves, at anthesis with foliar buds and sometimes with young leaves. Flower bud ovoid, 1.5–3 cm long, 1–2 cm in diam., apex obtuse to acute. *Bracts* 1.5–2.5 mm. diam., caducous. Flowering pedicel 0.3–1 cm long, 0.2–0.3 cm in diam., densely oppressed pubescent, hairs 0.3–0.6 mm long, light brown, continuing onto sepals. *Sepals* broadly ovate-elliptic, 0.9–1.5 cm long, 0.5–1 cm long, length:width ratio 2–2.5, apex acute, deciduous, green-brown, densely oppressed pubescent on the outside and tomentose-whitish on the inside with hairs 0.08–0.2 mm long. *Petals* ovate, narrowly ovate, or oblong-elliptic, 3–4.5 cm long, 1.1–1.8 cm wide, length:width ratio 3.5–4, white, obtuse to rounded at apex, initially thick, becoming thin, densely pubescent on the outside with hairs 0.3–1 mm long, puberulous on the inside with erect hairs 0.08–0.2 mm long, 7–8 ± parallel ribs from the base, at anthesis fully open and laxly spreading from the base of the torus. *Torus* cylindrical, 15–30 mm long, the thicker anther-bearing section at the base 40–60% of the length 2–2.5 mm in diameter, pubescent with semi-erect hairs 0.2–0.3 mm long, tapering into a thin 0.8–1.2 mm diameter pubescent portion with dense white stiff erect hairs 0.3–0.6 mm long, bearing the spirally-arranged carpels at the top in an ascendant cluster, the pubescence carrying onto the carpels. *Stamens* numerous, 6–10 mm long, 0.3–0.6 mm wide, linear, flexible; connective glabrous, not extending above the thecae; filaments absent. *Carpels* 8–40, cylindrical, 4–6 mm long, densely pubescent with stiff white hairs 0.3–0.6 mm long. Stigmas sessile, bilobed, yellow in dried material. *Fruit* with pedicel 1 cm long, pubescent. Monocarps solitary, ovoid-ellipsoid, 5–6 × 2.5–3 cm, apiculate, densely tomentose, dehiscent on plant. *Seeds* 5–11, 2–2.5 × 1.5 cm, ellipsoid, glabrous (Description partly based on Paiva 1966) (Fig. 8).

DISTRIBUTION. Angola, altitude 700–1000 m, western foothills below the scarp of the Central African Plateau. This is the southern end of WWF's "Angolan Scarp savanna and woodlands" biome (WWF n.d.) (Map 1).

HABITAT. Riversides, rocky and sandy areas.

SPECIMENS EXAMINED. **ANGOLA.** Benguela Province: Cubal – Benguela, km 38, 850 m, fl. [13°2' 14°0'], 12 April 1973, *P. Bamps* 4459 (WAG*) & *J. B. Teixeira* 1759 (LISC*); Missão Católica do Cubal, 940 m, [13°1'48" 14°11'24"], 1 Aug. 1968, *J. B. Damann* 2557 (LISC*); Seles, Vila Nova de Seles, 850 m, [11°24'44" 14°18'24"], 12 July 1937, *A. W. Exell* 3183 (BM!, LISC*); Seles (Ucu), near Cambongo and Queve Rivers, 830 m, [11°24' 14°18'], 1 Jan. 1930, *J. Gossweiler* 9379 (BM!, K!, LISC*); Chongoroi, andados 20 km de Chongoroi rumo a Benguela, 700 m, [13°21'36" 13°50'24"], 16 Nov. 1955, *E. J. Mendes* 626 (LISC*, WAG*); na serra entre Chongoroi e Cubal (Ganda) andados 10 km do Chongoroi, 18 Nov. 1955,

E. J. Mendes 678 (LISC*, WAG*). Huíla Province: Chao de Chela, Mahila, Vila Arriaga, Bibala, 1000 m, [15°7'30" 13°12'], 18 Sept. 1941, *J. Gossweiler* 13221 (LISC*). Namibe Province: Camucuio, a caminho do Mulovei, 700 m, [14°6'42" 13°14'25"], 29 Oct. 1962, *O. J. A. Menezes* 325 (K!, P*); Lungo, Posto Experimental, 688 m, [14°19'12" 13°12'], 5 March 1956, *J. B. Teixeira* 688 (LISC*); Caconda, Camucuio, ao longo do Rio Camucuio, 700 m, [14°6' 13°18'], 19 Sept. 1959, *J. B. Teixeira* & *A. M. Andrade* 4589, (LISC*); Mossamedes, 30 May 1938, *G. de Abreu* 54 (BR!).

CONSERVATION STATUS. Specimens were last collected in 1973. Seven locations are known, all along the dry western foothills of the Angolan escarpment. Further research is needed to understand the degree to which these locations share common threats. Woody vegetation in this region is subject to intensive harvesting for charcoal production (Goyder pers. comm.). Existing specimens give an AOO of 48 km² and an EOO of 16,063 km². This number of locations and AOO indicate a preliminary category of Vulnerable: VU B1,2a,b(v).

PHENOLOGY. Flowering October – December, fruiting July – August. Deciduous and flowering when leafless or with young leaves flushing.

ETYMOLOGY. The specific epithet recognises the resemblance to the Magnoliaceae genus *Michelia* L., now usually treated as a synonym of *Magnolia* Plum ex L. "The resemblance to the gynaeceum of *Michelia* is particularly marked." (Exell 1932).

VERNACULAR NAMES. Munthu, Muntju (Muquilengue), Mundeau (Cubal), Chitundu (Umbundu).

USES. Used as medicine for swollen legs. A tea made from the roots is applied several times a day (*Damann* 2557). Used by Quimbanda cult against madness (*Santos* 252).

NOTES. *Mischogyne michelioides* is unique within the genus in its long (1–3 cm) and flexible torus, semi-dry habitat, and deciduous habit. Van Heusden (1992) describes the carpels as "long-stipitate", but the stamens are mounted on the same stalk, so this is apparently an extended receptacle. The stamens (6–10 mm long) are, besides a few species of *Uvaria*, the longest in the family (Heusden 1992).

Sympatric Annonaceae in the same habitat are *Hexalobus monopetalus* (A.Rich.) Engl. & Diels and *Artabotrys antunesii* Engl. & Diels., the former widespread in Africa, the latter endemic to this region of Angola.

ANOMALOUS SPECIMENS. **GABON.** Woleu Ntem: Village pygmee, 600 m, [12°11' 2°12'], 19 Oct. 1985, *Louis* 1907 (BR* [BR0000015312594], WAG* [WAG.1434913]) has elliptic leaves with a cuneate base, an attenuate acumen, fruits 8–12 × 2–4 cm elongate cylindrical and apiculate. While the reticulate tertiary leaf venation appears correct for

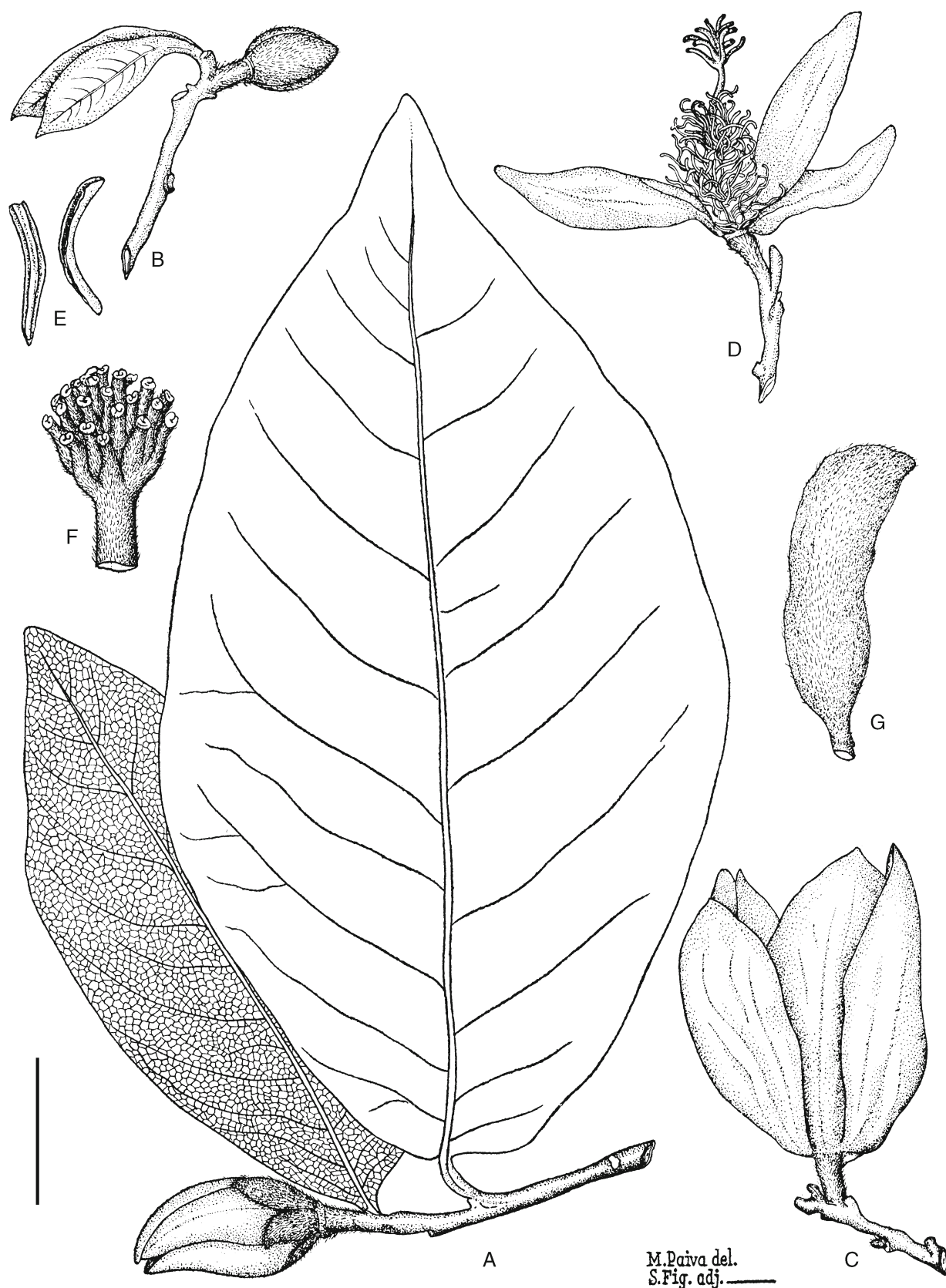


Fig. 8. *Mischogyne michelioides*. A flowering branch; B branch with bud; C flower with sepals prominent; D flower with 3 petals; E stamens; F carpels; G monocarp. A, B from Abreu 54; C, E, F from Mendes 678; D from A. Menezes 325; G from Santos 252. Scale bar A – D, G 2 cm; E, F 6 cm. Illustration from Paiva (1966) used with permission.

Mischogyne the fruit is atypical. More investigation is needed. **SÃO TOMÉ AND PRÍNCIPE**. The Meise (BR) database lists a Mann specimen (s.n.) from São Tomé (BR0000015312617). We have not seen this specimen.

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